

**REMARKS**

Reconsideration is requested.

Claims 1-14, 17 and 25 have been canceled, without prejudice. Claims 15, 16, 18-24 and 26-28 are pending.

The claims have been further amended for clarity and consistency.

The claims are submitted to be in condition for allowance and a Notice to that effect is requested.

The Examiner is requested to contact the undersigned in the event anything further is required in this regard.

Respectfully submitted,

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